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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT : Request for Allocation for Fiscal Year 1953 Procurement

25X1A1a 1. This office has reviewed the attached request from the Logistics Office in the amount of [REDACTED] and wishes to make the following comment regarding aircraft and vehicles.

- a. An amount of \$76,770 is included in the requirements for the following items:



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Total

76,770

✓ 2. The Logistics Office has indicated that the requirements for Communications items, as indicated in the attached shipping list for fiscal year 1953, are to be revised in the very near future.

3. A review of existing funds has been made by this office. Funds can be withdrawn from existing allotments other than those made to the DD/P Area Divisions in the amount requested by the Logistics Office to support procurement for the particular offices involved. Although it is probable that sufficient balances exist in the allotments made to the DD/P Area Divisions for operational activities, the attached material does not identify specifically the projects for which procurement is projected. In view of the method of evaluating requirements, it would not be possible for this office to equitably assign contemplated procurement to individual projects. Thus, it is not practical to withdraw funds from existing allotments to individual projects in the DD/P area to cover the proposed procurement. Thus, a total of \$544,625 can be withdrawn while the balance of [REDACTED] cannot be, on any practical basis, withdrawn from existing allotments.

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4. The proposal from the Office of Logistics has been developed on the basis that funds could be withdrawn from existing allotments and that the authorities for the allotments presently made could be used as the basis for approving the proposed procurement. As indicated in paragraph 3 above, it is not possible to identify the request by the Logistics Office with authority granted by the Director for operational projects. In view of this fact, it is recommended that the proposal be submitted to the Director for approval.

5. Adequate uncommitted balances are available within the unvouchered budget to support the proposed procurement based upon requirements for the Area Line Divisions in the DD/P area.

6. Attached are two summaries. Attachment A indicates the estimated dollar cost by offices and area divisions and indicates that requirements for the 4th Quarter in the current fiscal year amount to [REDACTED], while advanced procurement to provide adequate lead time and to assure availability of the materials when needed for operational purposes is [REDACTED] making the total proposed procurement in the attached document [REDACTED]. An estimate of [REDACTED] for accessorial charges in connection with the proposed procurement increases the total amount required to [REDACTED]. The Attachment B provides a similar summary by commodity classification.

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7. It is suggested that the SR Division, DD/P, be requested to submit detailed justification for the proposed purchase of one aircraft (L20-A). Further, that the Air-Maritime Division be requested to review such proposed purchase and submit its comments and/or recommendations. It is the opinion of this Office that no aircraft should be purchased without specific approval of the Director in each case.

8. I have discussed the matter of the purchase of two 40-passenger buses with [REDACTED] Chief, WH Division, who stated that he did not know of the proposed purchase and after investigation, requested that the two buses be eliminated from the list of items to be purchased. Mr. [REDACTED] Administrative Officer of WH Division, stated that the requirements submitted to the Logistics Office were only a forecast of probable procurement for the period from 1 April 1953 through 30 June 1955, and that it was not intended that all of the items be purchased from 1953 fiscal year funds. He further stated that the WH Division desires to submit a new list for immediate procurement. Therefore, it is recommended that the WH item be deleted from this proposal.

9. I have discussed the Communications procurement item of [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] of the Office of Communications and it was agreed that this item should be eliminated. New requirements are to be prepared and submitted to the Logistics Office.

10. It will be noted that this material was left in this Office for concurrence late Thursday, 2 April. Only a cursory examination was made of the material and it is possible that pertinent items have been missed due to the bulk of material supporting the request and the very short time taken to review it.

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